



Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)



I would like the people to assist and support the peace efforts of our Union Government. I would especially want the youth to look to the future and join in this effort. I have observed that youth have been participating in these efforts.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

Opening ceremony of 4th Regional Workshop on School Libraries in Southeast Asia held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE opening ceremony of the 4th Regional Workshop on School Libraries in Southeast Asia was held yesterday morning at the National Library in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Su Su Lwin, International Association of School Librarianship Prof. Dr. Diljit Singh, the patron and executive members of the Myanmar Library Association and librarians from local and foreign countries were attended.

Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said, efforts have been made to hold this kind of workshop and find a solution how to overcome the difficulties and challenges faced

by the school librarians. It was known that this workshop is the first time of holding in Myanmar. As for the Ministry of Education, implementation is being made to create more opportunities for learning and to uplift the learning abilities of the students. The ministry has been implementing the National Education Strategic Plan 2016-20, with the aim of establishing an accessible, equitable and effective national education system. The Ministry of Education has laid down twelve priority tasks which can be able to implement nine sectors. As you also know that education plays a vital role to maintain peace and prosperity in the world we are living. The standard of education is corre-



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses at the opening ceremony of the 4th regional workshop on school libraries in Southeast Asia, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

lated with the development of the libraries. We can foster our better future for our new generations by adopting more effective results.

During the ceremony, Patron of Myanmar Library Association U Tin Maung Lwin and International Association of School Librarianship Prof. Dr. Diljit Singh gave the opening speech. Following the performance of

traditional dances and music by the students from B.E.M.S (3) and B.E.H.S (6), the ceremony was concluded.

After the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and all the attendees took commemorative group photos together.

Next the reading papers session of the 4th Regional Workshop on School Libraries in Southeast

Asia was conducted. And many librarians from Southeast Asian Countries read the papers and discussed into three parts; connect and collaborate, reenergizing school libraries and planning library period activities.

Afterwards, a member of Myanmar Librarian Sayamagyi Daw Tin Phone Nwe made a closing remark and concluded the ceremony.—MNA ■



Displaced persons at Taungpaw camp in Myebon Township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO:**

Taungpaw Camp closes as displaced persons move to new homes

THE Taungpaw Camp in Myebon Township, Rakhine State, was closed down and displaced people moved to new houses.

Some 50 houses have been completed, and it is the first step towards shutting down the Taungpaw Camp, according to local authorities.

More than 3,060 people from 642 families were sheltered at the camp.

Some families in Taungpaw Camp have moved to the new homes.

The Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State is giving priority to closing the camps for displaced persons in Rakhine State.

Dr. Aung Thu Rein, Director of the Committee for Implementation Recommendations on Rakhine State, visited the camp yesterday and assisted the people in shifting to their new dwellings. The remaining houses are under construction by the Ministry of Border Affairs.—Myo Myint ■